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Daredevil Lakeside worker fulfills desire to try parachuting

by Greg Eichelberger

Soft-spoken Patricia Miller, a resident of Del Cerro and an employee at the Dean's One Hour Photo store in Lakeside, is probably the last person you would think of to jump out of a perfectly good airplane, but looks are deceiving.

On Feb. 23, this 18-year-old took the plunge over the vast desertland known as Jamul, and came back no worse for her trouble.

Urged by her co-workers, who call her "Trish," and her supervisor, Nancy Fassler, whose husband (Mark) is an avid and licensed skydiver, Miller saved up the \$240 necessary (\$195 for the dive, \$45 for the video to prove she did it) for the jaunt and let Parachutes Over San Diego do the rest.

"I'm more or less a daredevil at heart," she said. "Although most people who deal with me on a day-to-day basis wouldn't know it." Her monotonous daily routine of taking in film, developing photos and ringing up bills all but disguised a desire to break the bond of normality.

In fact, her demeanor gave no clue whatsoever that she has desired a jump since her junior year at Patrick Henry High School.

Even para-sailing could not quench the thirst of something really bold hidden in this young girl's free spirit. "I've always wanted to do something like this," the daughter of Bruce and Kathy Miller admitted.

Though she had a jumpmaster (an experienced diver was hooked to her in a tandem fashion), she described her leap of faith as "addicting" and "a rush."

Joking on the plane ride up with the Fasslers until the craft reached 13,000 feet, she revealed she was not nervous at all, and, tied to her partner with an umbilical-like lifeline, was indeed eager for the drop.

She said she was a bit disoriented, and then exhilarated as she plunged earthward in a 60-second free-fall, and that she had never experienced anything remotely like this adventure.

She added that, at first, her whole body just went over the



Showing the fun she is having while in free fall from a plane, Patricia Miller lets it "all hang out" in jump in February.

edge, and after a few seconds, she was able to look at the clouds and enjoy the view, brief as it was.

Reality soon came, though, in the form of a pulled ripcord,

which caused the chute to deploy, jerking the duo dozens of feet upward. "That was the worst part," she said, adding that the harness pulled her body up and that she was still

kind of sore from it.

Miller noted that she would not like to solo right now. To jump solo would require a full course of instruction, as well as an outlay of funds that she is not ready to undertake at this time.

Now that she knows what it's like, she plans to take more time to understand the process, and save up for another jump.

A colleague at Dean's Photo, Heather Knox, and her boyfriend, are also anxious to skydive, thanks to the inspiration of Miller.

"I've always wanted to bungee-jump, or parachute out of a plane, but since Trish did it, I really want to go now," Knox said. The two would like to leap as a group, which they say will make it a lot more fun.

"I'm not afraid of heights, so nothing like this bothers me," said Miller, who also plans a trip to Las Vegas to ride the Stratosphere rollercoaster and looks forward to an excursion in a hot air balloon.

For those who would like to engage in this endeavor, contact Parachutes Over San Diego at 421-0968.

Santana, Valhalla softball coaches optimistic about season

by Marv Rosen

The two softball coaches, John Bobof of Santana, and Karla Kehoe of Valhalla, were both mildly optimistic about their team's chances in the Grossmont League, as their teams met in a non-league encounter at Santana Thursday.

Both teams had finished about the middle of the their divisions (third), but hoped for

a higher finish this season.

Bobof felt that his team, which he described as young, would be competitive in the South.

Now in his eighth year with the Sultans, the coach, noted that his starting team was composed of five sophomores, one frosh, two juniors and only one senior.

He felt that senior shortstop Vicky Mangiavillano was the

team leader and also his best player going into the early part of the season.

Kehoe, who is in her first season as the softball coach, felt that her team was going to be "as good as they wanted to be," and seemed satisfied with the potential she saw.

The coach, who has been Valhalla's volleyball coach for four years, noted that her team is quite young, starting four frosh and two sophomores.

Soph pitcher Amy Mascatello was the coaches choice as her team's top performer at this time who has been able to give the young team some stability.

Both coaches noted that, without exception, their players had played softball at early ages, and that the young players had to gain experience at playing at this higher, more competitive level.

Kehoe noted that her new players all had confidence in their abilities and would get better as they became more of a team and learned more "togetherness."

As to the game, Santana pitcher Neuhauser struck out the first two batters she faced, but saw the bases loaded after the third hitter, Stacy Foland singled, followed by two infield

"hits" that could not be handled. Before the inning was over, Valhalla had three runs.

In the bottom half of the inning, Valhalla's pitcher Mascatello seemed to follow in the same pattern, starting out strong, getting the first two hitters on infield outs, but ended up with several runners, and allowed two runs before the last out.

As this was a game with no implications on the season, the score was not reported. The coaches felt that it gave the teams some indication of the strengths of the other Grossmont League division.



Valhalla shortstop Stephanie Strangmas (dark uniform) has umpire call the putout at second base on Santana Pitcher Eric Neuhauser, who was attempting to steal in early action on Thursday at Santana. The game was a non-league game between a North team (Valhalla) and the south (Santana). Photo by Marv Rosen

East County High Schools

Varsity Sports Schedules

(as available)

Tuesday, April 15 - Tuesday, Feb. 22

(check with schools for times)

Tuesday - *Gymnastics*: Granite Hills, El Cajon Valley, Mount Miguel at Santana. *Boys tennis*: Helix at Valhalla, Granite Hills at Mount Miguel, Grossmont at Santana, West Hills at El Capitan. *Baseball*: Monte Vista at Grossmont, Santana at Granite Hills, El Capitan at Helix, Valhalla at El Cajon Valley, Mount Miguel at West Hills. *Softball*: Grossmont at Monte Vista, Granite Hills at Santana, Helix at El Capitan, El Cajon Valley at Valhalla, West Hills at Mount Miguel. *Volleyball*: Grossmont at El Cajon Valley. *Golf*: Santana vs. El Capitan at Mount Woodson, Grossmont vs. El Cajon Valley at Singing Hills. *Lacrosse*: Grossmont vs. Poway JV.

Wednesday - *Boys and girls swimming*: Granite Hills at Helix, Monte Vista at Valhalla, Santana at El Capitan, El Cajon Valley at Grossmont, Mount Miguel at West Hills. *Golf*: Santana vs. West Hills at Carlton Oaks. *Volleyball*: Santana at Granite Hills. *Gymnastics*: Grossmont, Monte Vista at Valhalla.

Thursday - *Boys and girls track*: Valhalla at Helix, Mount Miguel at Granite Hills, Santana at Grossmont, West Hills at El Capitan. *Baseball and Softball*: inter-league championship game between North and South pool winner (sites undetermined). *Gymnastics*: Helix, West Hills at El Capitan. *Lacrosse*: Grossmont at Rancho Bernardo.

Friday - *Boys tennis*: Helix at Granite Hills, Valhalla at Monte Vista, El Capitan at Santana, El Cajon Valley at Grossmont.

Saturday - *Volleyball*: Scripps Ranch Tournament

Monday - *Baseball*: Helix at Granite Hills, Valhalla at Monte Vista, El Cajon Valley at El Capitan, West Hills at Santana. *Softball*: Granite Hills at Helix, Monte Vista at Valhalla, El Capitan at El Cajon Valley, Santana at West Hills. *Boys tennis*: Monte Vista at Granite Hills, Mount Miguel at Helix, El Capitan at El Cajon Valley, Santana at West Hills. *Gymnastics*: Santana, Helix at Monte Vista.

Tuesday (4/22) - No sports scheduled (Passover).

Scholarship money available

College costs have tripled over the past 15 years making it more and more difficult for families to pay for tuition, room and board, text books, lab fees and other expenses.

With recent cutbacks in federal grants, students are becoming frustrated as they discover they can't keep up with the increasing dollars they are asked to contribute each year. Financial experts see a disturbing trend as many families are funding college costs totally through loans.

As a result, an increasing number of students are graduating from undergraduate programs with overwhelming debts of \$20,000-\$30,000.

The good news is that private scholarship and grant money has been increasing. Currently there are nearly 400,000 independent and private scholarship and grant sources available which do not have to be paid back. More than 80 percent of these scholarships do not depend on family need or exceptional grades but are awarded based on factors such as the students interests, hobbies, academic focus, age, heritage or parent's work or military service.

Unfortunately, these sources remain largely unknown to most students. As a result, many students miss out on scholarship money available to them simply because they are not aware that it exists and do not apply for it.

Now, through the resources of the National Academic Funding Advisory (NAFA), an updated publication for 1997 is available which provides important information that will help all students seeking financial assistance.

For information on how to receive academic funding and scholarships send a No. 10 self-addressed, double-stamped business envelope plus \$2 to cover handling to NAFA, 700 Greenland Road-Left, Dept. G3, Portsmouth, N.H. 03801.

College Notes

Free tours of UCSD campus offered

Free Sunday afternoon tours of the University of California, San Diego are offered this spring by the UCSD Visitors Program.

Mini-van tours are available the first and third Sundays of each month. Walking tours are offered on alternate Sundays. All tours start at 2 p.m. from the Gilman Information Pavilion.

Wheelchair accessibility is available upon request. Special group tours may be requested.

The tours include viewing some of the works in the Stuart Collection of outdoor sculpture. They do not include building interiors.

Although the tours are free, there is a minimal UCSD parking fee.

Reservations are necessary, and may be made by calling 534-4414.

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Lemon Grove Almanac

1994 Population: 25,100
Incorporated: 1977
Area: 3.75 sq. mi.
Median income: \$34,399
1996-97 city budget: \$26.3 million
1996 taxable sales: \$265 million
Mayor: Mary Teresa Sessom
Council: Thomas Clabby
Craig Lake
Dwight Shelley
Jeff Jandura

City Manager: Doug Yount
Planning Director: Jim Butler
City Attorney: Gloria McLean
City Clerk: Christine Taub
Sheriff's Capt.: Yolanda Collins
Fire Chief: Dale Chamberlain

Congressional district:

52nd - Duncan Hunter

State Senate district:

40th - Steve Peace

State Assembly district:

77th - Steve Baldwin

Supervisors district:

2nd - Dianne Jacob

High school:

Libraries: 1
Post offices: 1
Parks: 4
Recreation centers: 1

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Sheriff's Log

March 24-25, 1997

7100 blk. Westview Pl. Vehicle burglary. \$900 value.

March 25, 1997

3200 blk. College Pl. Auto theft. \$1,000 value.

3100 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Auto theft. \$2,500 value.

7300 blk. Pacific Ave. Auto theft. \$12,000 value.

7500 blk. Broadway. Petty theft. \$23 value.

March 27, 1997

7000 blk. Broadway. Auto theft. \$4,000 value.

March 28, 1997

2000 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Residential burglary. \$475 value.

March 29, 1997

3200 blk. College Pl. Auto theft. \$2,000 value.

Dec. 21, 1996-April 1, 1997

1800 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Commercial burglary. \$1,200 value.

7400 blk. Tracy St. Residential burglary. \$4,025 value.

Feb. 27-March 1, 1997

600 blk. MacArthur Dr. Petty theft. \$1 value.

March 25-April 3, 1997

Lemon Grove Way. Vehicle burglary. \$950 value.

March 28, 1997

2900 blk. Main St. Vehicle burglary. \$100 value.

March 29, 1997

2200 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Auto theft. \$3,000 value.

March 30, 1997

1600 blk. La Corta St. Petty theft. \$200 value.

Washington Ave. Strong arm robbery. \$75 value.

March 31-April 1, 1997

7100 blk. Westview Pl. Vehicle burglary. \$300 value.

April 4, 1997

7000 blk. Broadway. Strong-arm robbery. \$14 value.

3200 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Petty theft. \$35 value.

April 6, 1997

7500 blk. Broadway. Petty theft. \$201 value.

7500 blk. Broadway. Petty theft. \$70 value.

7500 blk. Broadway. Petty theft. \$45 value.

Lemon Grove Fire Log

March 21-27, 1997 (Cont.)

2700 blk. Corona St. Fall.

Hwy 94 EB/College Ave. Chest pains.

8200 blk. Panchoy Ln. Unconscious.

1600 blk. Skyline Dr. Head injury.

7400 blk. Pacific Ave. Medical aid.

3200 blk. Washington St. Assist invalid.

7600 blk. Church St. Difficulty breathing.

3400 blk. Washington St. Chest pains.

3200 blk. College Pl. Difficulty breathing.

2600 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Residential structure fire.

7100 blk. Broadway. Non breather.

7900 blk. Golden Ave. Assault victim.

Longsdale St./Skyline Dr. Auto vs. pedestrian.

8200 blk. Golden Ave. Difficulty breathing.

2200 blk. Alton Pl. Choking victim.

Lemon Grove Ave./North Ave. Vehicle fire.

7400 blk. Pacific Ave. Seizure.

3200 blk. Acacia Ave. Fall.

1600 blk. Dupont Dr. Head injury.

March 28, 1997 through April 3, 1997

1600 blk. Drexel Dr. Dizzy.

8300 blk. Broadway. CPR in progress.

1600 blk. Watwood Rd. Diabetic problem.

2300 blk. Washington Ave. Fall.

1900 blk. Madera St. Difficulty breathing.

3200 blk. Main St. Childbirth.

1700 blk. San Altos Pl. Seizure.

Glebe Rd./San Miguel Ave. Auto vs. pedestrian.

1600 blk. Watwood Rd. Difficulty breathing.

3100 blk. School Ln. Overdose.

7100 blk. West View Pl. Assault victim.

8200 blk. Leon Grove Way. Fall.

7900 blk. Palm St. Alarms ringing-commercial.

Lemon Grove Way/Columbus Pl. Assault victim.

3500 blk. Grove St. Reset alarms.

7500 blk. Church St. Unconscious.

2600 blk. Glebe Rd. Reaction to medication.

8400 blk. Golden Ave. Chest pains.

Bakersfield St./Ensenada St. Vegetation fire.

32300 blk. Olive St. Vomiting.

Broadway/Lemon Grove Ave. Traffic accident.

1900 blk. El Prado Ave. Threatening suicide.

Buena Vista Ave./Broadway. Vehicle accident.

2200 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Choking victim.

7500 blk. Pacific Ave. Possible heart.

8300 blk. Broadway. Difficulty breathing.

3200 blk. College Pl. Difficulty breathing.

1900 blk. Sweetwater Rd. Laceration.

Hwy 94 WB/Grove St. Vehicle accident freeway.

Hwy 94 SB/College Ave. Vehicle accident freeway.

7500 blk. Church St. Evaluate for the Sheriff.

2200 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Difficulty breathing.

8100 blk. Golden Ave. Medical aid.

2300 blk. Ravenwood Dr. Eye injury.

2200 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Fall.

2300 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Traffic accident.

2300 blk. Cypress Ave. Fall.

Big warm up



Coach Dave Barrack (back, holding bat) poses with the Santee Pioneer Little League Phillies on the field at Jack Murphy/Qualcomm Stadium last week. The team was selected to practice in the infield before the Padres hit the diamond.

Photo by Greg Eichelberger

Sports Beat

with Greg Eichelberger



Salutations friends, and welcome to another version of the long-running Sports Beat soap opera-type thing. I hope all is well in your little world.

A trip to Anaheim last week to see the Angels play the Yankees gave this scribbler a chance to see how the L.A. sportswriters live — not too shabby, I'll tell you. A free press dinner, plus hot dogs, pretzels, ice cream and popcorn during the game — all that Disney money certainly isn't going to waste. But when one of them said, sarcastically, "Who has San Diego got on their team?" I had to spring into action. "Oh, let's see," I replied, "just the MVP, the batting champion and the manager and fireman of the year, that's all." Goofy Dodger fans.

Unfortunately, our Padres seemed to have forgotten how to hit lately. Don't make a monkey outta me boys, I can do that myself.

Having just missed the Cleveland/Angel series, where Granite Hills grad **Brian Giles** belted a game-winning HR for the Indians, I had to settle for photographing and interviewing the likes of Reggie Jackson, Wade Boggs, Derek Jeter, Bernie Williams, Joe Torre and the like. Oh well, someone's gotta do it. But it's not all play for this intrepid columnist.

Last Wednesday saw me shuttle from Jack Murphy/Qualcomm to chronicle Ken Caminiti MVP Night to the Sports Arena where the Gulls were shellacking the Anchorage Aces in game one of the Taylor Cup Finals, 9-2. By the way, last week I had said that the title would come down to San Diego vs. Fresno, but a forfeit by the Falcons cost them a chance at the Cup they lost to the Gulls last year.

And while at the Arena, El Cajon's **Mike Cook**, the "Mr. Trivia" guy featured a few issues back, was delighted with the article, and expressed his thanks to the entire Forum organization.

Grossmont College third baseman **Tony DeMarco** had been selected as the Pacific Coast Conference Athlete of the Week, as he belted his fifth and sixth home runs of the season and collected five RBI for the seven-day period.

Speaking of running the bases, former **Christian High** softball star, **Ruth Dawson**, has helped elevate her Northeast Louisiana University squad to a number 23 ranking in the country. She is leading the Southland Conference with a .373 batting average, and in the recent Winthrop Invitational tournament, was selected MVP by hitting .308 and stealing five bases.

Dave Barrack, coach of the Santee Pioneer Little League **Phillies** has something to be proud of. His team was selected to practice on the Jack Murphy infield last week before the Pads played (and lost to) the Philadelphia National Leaguers and Curt Shilling. "It was a whole lot of fun, and something these guys, and I, will remember for the rest of our lives," he beamed.

Looking forward to the NBA playoffs, or do you have a hankerin' to hit the hardwood and play a little round ball yourself? Hoops Unlimited is now recruiting those 6'4" and under to participate in five-on-five league play beginning on May 4. You don't have to be a Wilt Chamberlain, or even a Neville Chamberlain, just as long as you want to have a little fun. For more information, contact Hoops at 1-800-834-2829.

Last week the OMBAC rugby team lost a heartbreaker to Belmont Shores in a much-anticipated Super League match, 23-16. OMBAC, the six-time national champion, kept things close, but fell short in the end. Come out to Robb Field sometime and see these guys knock each other silly in the name of good sportsmanship. Call Brian Vizard (239-7537) for details on how you can become involved.

You can become involved in this column, too, if you'll just call me at 390-7103 and let me know your sports and recreation news. Hey, that's what I'm here for. Until then, have a great week.

Gun club president a top competitor

by Joe Naiman

If Marc Halcon fires at you and misses, he's probably warning you.

Halcon, the president of the Lemon Grove Rod and Gun Club, teaches shooting classes oriented towards self-defense, and as an award-winning competitive shooter, he can defend himself pretty well.

Halcon, now 43, was about 10 when he started shooting. He was born and raised in San Diego, attending Patrick Henry High School, Grossmont College and San Diego State University.

Because of his enjoyment of shooting sports, Halcon joined the Lemon Grove Rod and Gun Club a couple of years after graduation. A couple of years later, he joined the International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC) to practice and hone his skills.

Since he was shooting anyway, he decided to compete in the sport. He won several national and international awards with IPSC, and served on the board of directors for seven years.

Ten years ago Halcon, who had never previously held office with the Lemon Grove Rod and Gun Club, sought the



Marc Halcon (right) talks shot with National Rifle Association Executive Vice-president Wayne LaPierre at a recent NRA meeting in Mission Valley.

Photo by Joe Naiman

presidency of that organization. "I didn't like the way the direction was going," he said.

Once Halcon was in office, changes were implemented. The club opened up more youth programs, modernized its range and purchased additional land for the range which it had since 1958.

Although the club meets at the Lemon Grove VFW Hall, its range is in Alpine.

Currently, the Lemon Grove Rod and Gun Club stands at

about 325 members. Halcon's future aim is one of preservation.

"My goal is to keep the shooting sports alive," he said. He added that keeping himself and others alive has become a professional goal.

He runs the San Diego Firearms Academy, noting that many people may need to use a firearm in self-defense.

Halcon was a victim of a drive-by shooting in the early 1980s; he was shot at, but was not hit, and returned fire.

A open letter

To East County prep sports editors

Forum Publications would like to invite high school sports editors to be part of one of our *Sports Weekly* publications by submitting a regular column which would cover the special sports events and people (students or faculty from your school) that you would like to be seen in print throughout East County.

In the past, the *La Mesa Scout* had regular weekly columns by local high school sports editors. This helped that deceased publication provide needed information, at the same time enabling those who were looking toward sports journalism careers a chance to add to their portfolios of published articles.

Appearing in a regular newspaper gives the writer more professional experience than can be obtained on a high school paper by having full-time editors give them the benefit of their expertise.

If the writer goes on to college journalism, this experience would also stand them in good stead for the college paper or in classwork by making the writer more concise and accurate in reporting or

course papers.

We are not downgrading the worthwhileness of high school journalism instructors, but they usually lack recent newspaper or magazine experience. The instructor has little choice of which students students, talented or not, are really interested in journalism or just taking what is too often perceived as an "easy course" which "anyone" can do.

Writing for local community papers can sometimes lead to part-time and even full-time paid positions, either as regular reporters or stringers, often while still in school.

If sports-minded writers have the desire to see their name in print and are looking toward that eventual time when they can truly say, "I am a professional sports journalist."

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